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1. SUMMARY. IN RESPONSE TO REFTTEL, URBAN-RELATED EXCHANGES CARRIED OUT BY URBAN AFFAIRS OFFICER IN CALENDAR 1973 ARE SUMMARIZED IN FOLLOWING OUTLINE COVERING TRADE PROMOTION, HUD SURVEYS, U.S. INQUIRIES, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, UNIVERSITIES, LECTURES AND PANEL PRESENTATIONS, LE VAUDREUIL PROGRAM. END OF SUMMARY.

2. TRADE PROMOTION: AS MEMBER OF THE EMBASSY TRADE PROMOTION COMMITTEE: INVESTIGATION AND REPORTING ON COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELDS OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS. PROVIDING CONTACTS, INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS TO VISITING U.S. BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES AND CONSULTANTS ON MARKET OPPORTUNITIES IN FRANCE FOR: BUILDING INDUSTRY, LAND DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, CONSULTING SERVICES IN PLANNING, MANAGEMENT, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, MOBILE HOMES, POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT.

3. RESPONSES TO HUD INQUIRIES: INVESTIGATION OF, AND REPORTING ON, HUD INQUIRIES ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPICS: SOLAR HEATED HOMES, UNCLASSIFIED

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OECD STUDIES ON ENERGY, URBAN-RELATED PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

INSTITUTIONS, HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY, INDUSTRIALIZED BUILDING FIRMS, TEMPORARY HOUSING, NEW TOWNS PROGRAMS, LAND-USE POLICY AND CONTROLS, BUILDING TECHNOLOGY, MASON PRODUCTIVITY, CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ECONOMY AND STRUCTURE.

4. RESPONSES TO USG INQUIRIES: PROVIDING CONTACTS, INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES OR REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING VISITS TO FRANCE BY U.S. INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS ON OFFICIAL OR PROFESSIONAL VISITS (U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING HUD ASST. SECY. CRAWFORD, GNMA PRESIDENT KINGMAN; STAFF AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS); UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS, EXPERTS, AND REPORTERS FROM RADIO, TELEVISION, NEWSPAPERS, AND MAGAZINES. TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE: NATIONAL PLANNING AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMMING, URBAN GROWTH POLICIES, LAND-USE CONTROLS, HOUSING MANAGEMENT, HOUSING SUBSIDY PROGRAMS, URBAN RENEWAL, TENANTS RELOCATION, DECENTRALIZATION OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS AND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION, NEW TOWNS PROGRAM AND PROJECTS, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION INNOVATIONS, POLLUTION ABATEMENT PROGRAMS, OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT IN FRANCE (IN THE FIELDS OF URBAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH).

5. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK AND MEETINGS OF FOLLOWING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AS HUD REPRESENTATIVE
OR U.S. DELEGATE: NATO-CCMS PROJECT ON ENVIRONMENT AND REGIONAL PLANNING, (BRUSSELS), OECD URBAN SECTOR GROUP, (PARIS), INTERNATIONAL UNION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES, (LAUSANNE). LIAISON WITH CCMS AND OECD FOR PROJECT COORDINATION. CONSULTATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND FRENCH AGENCIES ON ENGLISH AND FRENCH TERMINOLOGY IN ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS.

6. RESPONSES TO GENERAL INQUIRIES: PROVIDING CONTACTS, INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES BY U.S. AND FRENCH AGENCIES -- RESPONDING TO REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING VISITS TO U.S. BY FRENCH AGENCIES. TOPICS COVERED: WATER POLLUTION (ADMINISTRATION AND RESEARCH), HOUSING REHABILITATION, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS IN HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT, PROCEDURES FOR CALL FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS, CONTROL OF FREEWAY NOISE IN CONCERT
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HALLS, FINANCIAL OPERATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION FIRMS, STATISTICS ON METAL FRAME CONSTRUCTION, ANALYSIS OF OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH, PUBLIC HOUSING, NEW COMMUNITIES (FINANCING AND DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL PROGRAMS) URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

7. ACADEMIC LIAISON: CONSULTATION WITH FRENCH UNIVERSITIES ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES PROGRAMS AT U.S. UNIVERSITIES RECRUITMENT OF U.S. PROFESSOR FOR THE PLANNING INSTITUTE OF THE

UNIVERSITY OF AIX-MARSEILLES, ASSISTANCE TO FRENCH GOVT.
IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FRENCH NATIONAL LANDSCAPE INSTITUTE.

8. LECTURES AND PANEL PRESENTATIONS: AT THE REQUEST OF USIS OR
GOF AGENCIES AND UNIVERSITIES, ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS: URBAN
PLANNING, GEOLOGY AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS,
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING IN NEW TOWNS, PLANNING EDUCATION, CITIZENS
PARTICIPATION AT PARIS, ORLEANS, CLERMONT-FERRAND, MARSEILLES,
MONTPELLIER.

9. LE VAUDREUIL: COORDINATION OF THE U.S.- FRENCH COOPERATION
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